

Recreational Trails Program: Generating Support for Trails



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Learning Objectives

- Discuss the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding status.
- Identify 3 strategies for generating support for trails
- Identify trail resources



RTP Funding Status

Federal SAFETEA-LU authorization

- History
- Current Status

2011 – Federal Administration's Proposal

- Livability Program
- Potential changes to grant administration



RTP Funding Status

Where to find more information

- Today's 2:30 pm Session:
"Funding for Trails in the New Congress:
Threats & Opportunities" – Laura Cohen
- Federal Administration's Proposal – See Handout
- Federal Dept. of Transportation Secretary
Ray La Hood's Blog – See Handout



Generating Support for Trails

1. Using Anecdotal Stories to generate interest
2. Using Data to demonstrate need
3. Fostering Partnerships to create sustainability



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1. Using Anecdotal Stories to generate interest

Indiana Trail Project

Story by Eric B. Beightel, US Dept of Transportation,
Shared at 20th American Trails Symposium in Tennessee



Monon Trail in Indianapolis



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West Virginia Trail Project

Story by Bill Robinson, State of WV, Dept of Transportation
Shared at 2009 State Trails Administrator Meeting in Florida



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1. Using Anecdotal Stories to generate interest

Johnson Camp Trail Project

2005 Annual Achievement Award Winner
Coalition for Recreational Trails
Located at Humboldt Redwoods SP



What Stories Do You Have?

Who should hear your stories?



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2. Using Data to demonstrate need

Proposed RTP Performance Measures

Final draft created by State Trail Administrators
Not yet implemented – See Handout



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2. Using Data to demonstrate need

OGALS RTP Survey - 2010

Conducted in 2010 with previous grantees



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3. Fostering Partnerships to create sustainability

Consider partners':

- Experience working with user groups
- Fundraising experience
- Planning and construction experience
- Ability to provide equipment, materials
- Potential to operate and maintain



Trail Resources

■ Tool Kit

- What's in it
- What additional features should OGALS include?
- Where to find it



Trail Resources

■ Tool Kit – What's in it?

1. [A Different Perspective](#)
2. [RTP Reconnaissance Notes, Preliminary Plan](#)
3. [RTP Trail Log Complete Sample](#)
4. [RTP Trail Log Blank Sample](#)
5. [Project Proposal Criteria Response Considerations](#)
6. [Accessibility: FAB Departures and Access Today Article](#)
7. [RTP Application Checklist Nuggets](#)
8. [RTP Technical Assistance Presentation](#)
9. [RTP Procedural Guide](#)
10. [Cheat Sheet for Trail Funding Opportunities](#)



Trail Resources

■ Packet – Handouts re: other programs

- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF)
- River Parkways
- Urban Streams Restoration
- Bicycle Transportation Account
- Transportation Enhancements



Trail Resources

■ Packet – Handouts re: references

- Internet Sites
- Project Officer Territories



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